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SUBJECT: OPERATION ROLLER COASTER

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1. BRITISH EMBOFF APPROACHED US ABOUT SO-CALLED OPERATION ROLLER COASTER TO TELL US THAT A BRITISH NAVAL RESERVE OFFICER WOULD BE COMING TO KUWAIT TEMPORARILY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS OPERATION, WHICH WAS DESCRIBED AS A WORLD-WIDE NAVAL COMMUNICATIONS EXERCISE (INVOLVING ANZUS COUNTRIES, CANADA AND UK), AND TO EXPRESS THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR'S CONCERN THAT NEWS OF THIS RESERVE OFFICER'S ACTIVITIES MIGHT LEAK TO THE KUWAITIS. THE BRITISH EMBOFF REQUESTED US TO DIVULGE NO INFORMATION ABOUT THE ABOVE-MENTIONED INVOLVEMENT OF HMG IN THE EXERCISE.

2. COMMENT: WE HAD NO PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF THE OPERATION. WE CONCUR WITH THE SUGGESTION MADE REFTEL REGARDING POSSIBLE NEED FOR DEPARTMENT TO REVIEW WITH THE USN OPERATION ROLLER COASTER'S FOREIGN POLICY IMPLICATIONS. CONSULTATIONS WITH UK MIGHT ALSO BE CALLED FOR IF THE BRITISH ARE AS TOUCHY ELSEWHERE AS THEY APPEAR TO BE HERE AND IN BAHRAIN. CONFIDENTIAL

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